

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants have carefully considered this application in connection with the Examiner's Action and respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. The Applicants originally submitted Claims 1-90 in the application. In this response, the Applicants have amended Claims 1, 18, 19, 31, 48, 49, 61, 78 and 79, and cancelled claims 17, 47 and 77. Accordingly, Claims 1-16, 18-46, 48-76 and 78-90 are currently pending in the application.

I. Formal Matters and Objections

The Examiner has noted that the Abstract of the Disclosure was not provided in the Application as provided in 37 C.F.R. § 1.77(b). In response, the Applicants have amended the Application to include an abstract. The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's diligence in finding and bringing this to their attention.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings as being informal. Formal drawings are included herewith.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that, among other claims, Claims 17, 47 and 77 are allowable if rewritten in independent form. In response, the Applicants have amended independent Claims 1, 31 and 61 to incorporate the respective limitations of dependent claims 17, 47 and 77 and canceled Claims 17, 47 and 77. These amendments render independent Claims 1, 31 and 61 allowable and

further render their respective dependent claims allowable. Consequently, Claims 1-16, 18-46, 48-76 and 78-90, which are all of the pending claims, are allowable.

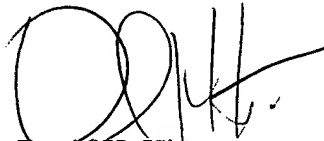
IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, all of the Claims currently pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The Applicants therefore earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-16, 18-46, 48-76 and 78-90.

The Applicants requests the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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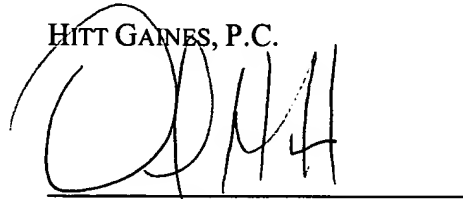
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The Applicants originally submitted informal drawings when the above-identified application was filed. To properly amend the drawings according to C.F.R. §1.121, the Applicant submits Replacement Sheet 1.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request the acceptance of the Replacement Sheet 1.

Respectfully submitted,

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